

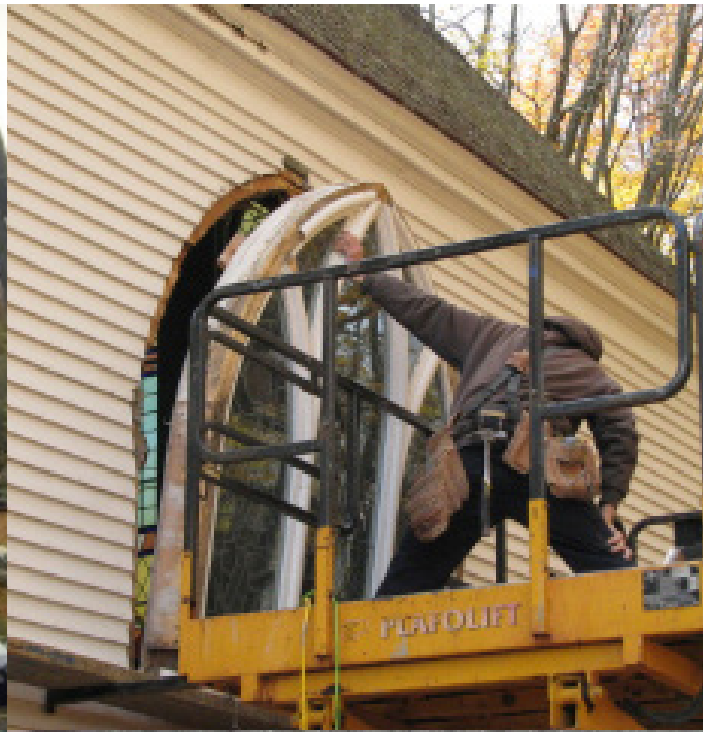


# The KHC Newsletter

## Vol. I

*Keep Troth!*

Work in progress! Removal of heritage items at St. James the Less Church.



Dear Fellow Old Girls,

Following several months of changing and sometimes surprising scenarios at St. James the Less Church, BCS has done its due diligence and has issued the following Press Release on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The town of Compton, the local heritage protection society, the Anglican Diocese and former members of the congregation have all agreed that these particular historic artifacts come to BCS.

We have also been working on finding the descendants of the people to whom the six windows are dedicated. We have found relatives of two of these people and are searching for family of the others - with more than 150 years having passed since these windows were dedicated, it's not a simple task!

As you can see from the pictures, the removal of the heritage items is completed. The stained glass windows are put safely into storage and the bell will eventually make its way onto the BCS campus. To date, we have raised \$15,135.00 toward the removal costs, the preservation work and eventual installation of the bell, the windows and some pews. We will be asking for your support in this project but, in the meantime, know that this part of our School's history will be saved.

Thank you,  
Margot Graham Heyerhoff, KHC'69

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**PRESS RELEASE**

### **ST. JAMES THE LESS CHURCH HERITAGE ITEMS TO BE PRESERVED**

**Compton, QC - October 15, 2015** – After a consultation process in the Compton community, Bishop's College School will proceed in late-October with the removal and preservation of heritage items from St. James the Less Church in Compton, including the bell, pews, and six stained glass windows.

Bishop's College School (BCS), with which King's Hall, Compton (KHC) school for girls merged in 1972, will restore these items and incorporate them into historical displays that will preserve an important part of the schools' shared heritage. This preservation effort will include displays on the BCS campus in Lennoxville, but may also provide some of the items for projects in the village of Compton.

BCS has reached out to several Compton community groups, including Compton Mayor Bernard Vanasse, in an effort to collaborate in the preservation of heritage items from St. James the Less Church. There has been general support expressed for the school's efforts.

The agente de développement culturel à la MRC and the Comité du patrimoine religieux de la MRC de Coaticook have been working for several years to preserve St. James the Less Church. Jeanmarc Lachance, President of the Comité sur l'avenir de l'église St. James, commented "With the uncertainty surrounding St. James the Less Church and the heritage contained therein, we can only be happy to see Bishop's College School involved in safeguarding and preserving a part of the heritage."

BCS has also consulted with alumnae from KHC and the Anglican congregation of Compton. Past congregation member Cynthia Drew, who also worked as Assistant to the Headmasters at KHC and later BCS, states "The present congregation of St. James the Less are very happy that BCS is going to take the stained-glass windows, pews and bell and preserve them."

BCS is a coed independent boarding school that was founded in 1836. Compton Ladies College, subsequently named King's Hall, Compton, was founded in 1874. Students from KHC, until the merger with BCS, attended St. James the Less Church regularly, making up a majority of the congregation. The stained glass windows that will be restored are memorials to members of the KHC community, including Senator Matthew Cochrane, KHC Board member; H. Anson Bliss, KHC matron; Suzanne MacPherson, a KHC student who passed away in her school years; and Rev. George Parker, Chaplain of Compton Ladies College and KHC.

**Patricia Carruthers Fleming (nee Beeman) KHC 1940**  
**June 15, 1923 - April 19, 2015**



On a spring day, surrounded by loved family, a great lady quietly slipped away. She was the much loved wife of Robert (Bob) J. Fleming. She is also survived by her son, John. C. Fleming and his wife the Hon. Claudine Roy, Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec and their children Nicholas Fleming, Philippe Roy Fleming and Amelie Roy -Fleming. She is survived by her brother Michael C. Beeman and several nieces and nephews and many cousins in the Beeman, Carruthers and Fleming families.

Patsy graduated with a Bachelors Degree from Queen's University in 1944. She was well known in Canada as a collector of antique wooden decoys and produced the illustrated book "Traditions in Wood". A summertime resident of the Thousand Islands, she also authored the picture book "Thousand Islands". Patsy's ability to make friends endeared her to young and old alike. She was the first to help those in trouble and loved her dogs and the outdoor life. Throughout her lifetime, Patsy's closest friends included several classmates from KHC. She will be greatly missed by friends in Kingston, Toronto and Montreal.

Patsy was a gifted artist whether it was whimsical water colours, or sketches of her horses and dogs. Patsy, for more than a decade, wrote and illustrated over 200 columns for The Kingston Whig-Standard titled 'My Kingston'. Patsy's interests and passions were marked by the leadership she gave to the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston; the Thousand Islands Residents Association and her keen involvement with The Kingston Historical Society, the Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy and the Grenfell Historical Society. Her funeral took place on April 27, 2015 at Newburgh United Church, Newburgh Ontario.

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## KHC "60 Years On" Reunion Notes

*A tribute to Barbara, by Ann Budge, KHC'54*

We who attended the "60 years On" Reunion in Belleville are very grateful to Barbara Gibaut for her ideas and enthusiasm in making the two days fun and memorable!

Barbara began her planning of this event in February 2013. She made many trips to meet with the hotel management to be assured that everything would be ship-shape; it was! Our day in Prince Edward County went off like clockwork as a result of considerable organization on her part.



Barbara thought of many details, such as the blue or gold gift bags with maps and area information and a special chocolate bar that we were greeted with. Speaking of chocolate, we were surprised with Mr. Burt's hot, sticky chocolate sauce on ice cream; prepared to perfection by the hotel chef!!

It was Barbara's idea to invite Susan Cook – a first-time-ever invitation! I'm sure it will result in more connections with the by-gone days of life at King's Hall Compton! We truly enjoyed Susan's presence and loved the video of the BCS girls singing "Forty Years on".

Speaking of by-gone days, we shared moments of our lives at school; then it was time for "readings". First was the 1954 Matric Form Report in Per Annum, which looked ahead only 10 years – how could we have conceived of 60 years back then?! Then we began to reflect on Gilly's values and teachings with a reading of "A letter to a Mother" which encouraged us to see beauty in "homely things" such as an egg yolk in a blue bowl, the colour of cranberry glass, and a rainbow in dishwasher soapsuds! Next came "Gilly – The Things We Will Never Forget" – on your honour, nobles oblige, allow me to introduce..., I had to laugh to see the calf..., a lady WILL clean the bath tub while others MUST, and so on!!

I truly feel that we had excellent academic teaching and sports programmes, but that it was Miss Gillard's values that were instilled in us and the expectations of "her girls" that set King's Hall apart from other schools. Thank you, Barbara, for creating these two special days!



**Memories of Ginna Nichols Delap**  
**March 8, 1944 – March 24, 2015**  
**from the KHC Class of '61**



It was with great sadness that we learned this year of the death of our classmate, Ginna Nichols Delap. Born in Calgary, Alberta, Ginna spent her high school years at King's Hall and graduated in 1961. She earned her BA in English and a teaching certificate at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

It was there that she met her future husband, Chip Delap. In 1966 they moved to Denver, Colorado where they married and continued their studies. Chip became a lawyer and Ginna completed a Master's degree in Special Education at the University of Denver in 1974. Later they had two children, Ansley and Nick.

Ginna became a dedicated teacher working with emotionally challenged children and children with learning disabilities. She was responsible for starting the first integrated elementary special education classes in the County. Ginna was also a prolific writer of articles, poetry and biographies, some of which were published. In her spare time she pursued her love of sports taking full advantage of all that living in Colorado had to offer – riding, canoeing, white water rafting, skiing, biking, and tennis.

Life seemed to be going well for Ginna until one summer day, while playing tennis, she experienced inexplicable stumbling and lurching. Although she didn't know it at the time, this was the beginning of multiple sclerosis, a disease that moves slowly and, in Ginna's case was not fully diagnosed until several years later. In the meantime, being the determined person that she was, Ginna continued to play tennis at a high level and won the Women's Singles Championship at her tennis club. But as the effects of MS worsened, Ginna was forced to give up her favourite sport and in 1991 she played her last game.

At King's Hall, the Class of '61 was a particularly fun loving, athletic group. Ginna personified this with her ever-present smile, her laughter, zest for life and boundless energy. You couldn't help but feel happy when she was around. In VIA (the year before graduating), our class was written up in the school magazine as "the sporty class (forget the academics), the VIA's were represented on every team." Ginna was indeed on every team. In the yearbook, Ginna's pet aversion was "to have someone tell me I can't sing." Though she was in the choir and the glee club, some of

us do remember her caterwauling – hymns, hit parade, carols - her singing could strip paint, but that never stopped her! A proven leader, Ginna was a Prefect on Rideau House where she brought spirit and humour to the weekly meetings and competitions.

While in her second year at Compton, life dealt Ginna its first cruel blow. It was in the winter term. Some of us remember when Miss Gillard came and took her out of class to tell her that her father had drowned while on a holiday in Hawaii, swept out to sea by surf and undertow. Our class was shocked; the whole school was shocked. None of us will ever forget how brave Ginna was and how well she handled that desperately sad situation. It was an indication of the fortitude and courage that was ever present in her later fight against MS.

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The Class of '61 has had reunions since leaving KHC almost 55 years ago. The last one that Ginna attended was our 40th held in Montreal in 2001. With the help of her daughter Ansley and her sister Marilyn, Ginna made the trip from Denver even though she was confined to a wheelchair. It was a difficult journey but Ginna enjoyed every minute of the reunion and was the life of the party.



In February of this year, our classmate Peggy Butterfield suggested that we have the 55 year reunion in 2016 at her summer place in New Brunswick. Classmates from all over the world sent enthusiastic emails and before we knew it, a date was set and bookings made. Earlier, in January, Ansley had emailed to say that Ginna was not doing well and had been moved to a hospice. Then, while planning the reunion, we received the sad news of Ginna's death. Though we knew she was gravely ill, it was still a shock. Members of the class reacted with an outpouring of stories and fond memories which have been compiled and sent to the family. We will share more happy memories of Ginna at our 2016 reunion.

Ginna is survived by her husband Chip, her two children Ansley and Nick, four grandchildren, her brother Donald, and her sister Marilyn.

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Submitted by Heather Grant,  
On behalf of the KHC Class of '61